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Filed: June 21, 2001) Examiner: Fischer, J.
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)
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CARCASS OBTAINED THEREBY)

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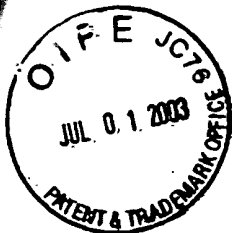
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit this Response to Restriction Requirement in reply to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, the period for response to which runs through July 10, 2003.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between: Group I, claims 30-43, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of forming a carcass structure; and Group II, claims 44-58, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a carcass structure and a vehicle tire incorporating a carcass structure.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 30-43.

Regarding traverse of the restriction requirement, Applicants submit that the search and examination of this entire application can be made without serious burden. As such, MPEP § 803, ¶ 2, requires that the Examiner examine this entire application on the merits.

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